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RE: DRAFT CLAIMS FOR DISCUSSION

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## NOTES/COMMENTS:

EXAMINER LEGESSE,

AS PER OUR DISCUSSION YESTERDAY, PLEASE FIND ATTACHED TWO DRAFT INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FOR DISCUSSION. FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AT 702-630-5587 TO SET A TIME TO DISCUSS SAME.

Best regards,

Victor J. Gallo

**FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY  
2 VERSIONS OF CLAIM 1 AMENDED**

Claim 1 (twice amended) - A method for playing a poker game, comprising in combination:

dealing, face up, a NxN array of cards from a deck of standard playing cards;

selecting none, some, or all of the cards to be held in the NxN array of cards of any said cards within said NxN array;

dealing new cards from the undealt cards of said deck of standard playing cards to replace unselected cards within said NxN array; and

determining the poker hand rankings of predefined N card arrangements.

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Claim 1 (twice amended alternate) - A method for playing a poker game, comprising in combination:

dealing, face up, a NxN array of cards from a deck of standard playing cards;

selecting [none, some, or all] NxN or fewer [of the] cards to be held in [the] said NxN array of cards [of any said cards within said NxN array];

dealing new cards from the undealt cards of said deck of standard playing cards to replace unselected cards within said NxN array; and

determining the poker hand rankings of predefined N card arrangements wherein any said card within said NxN array may be implicated in at least two N card arrangements of hands.